

Service Date: May 24, 2002

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF LOUIS W. and	)	TRANSPORTATION DIVISION
GENEVA L. WEBSTER, dba THE GREAT	)	
NORTHERN TAXI, Whitefish, Montana,	)	DOCKET NO. T-01.40.PCN
Application for a Montana Intrastate Certificate	)	ORDER NO. 6515
of Public Convenience and Necessity	)	

FINAL ORDER

On November 16, 2001, Louis W. and Geneva L. Webster, dba Great Northern Taxi (Great Northern), Whitefish, Montana, filed before the Public Service Commission (PSC) an application for a Montana intrastate certificate of public convenience and necessity (PCN or motor carrier authority). Great Northern initially requested Class B motor carrier authority, passengers within five counties in the Whitefish area. Following negotiations with some of existing motor carriers protesting Great Northern's application the requested authority was refined to Whitefish and a radius of fifty miles, seven passenger limit, limousine service prohibited.

A public hearing on Great Northern's application was held in Whitefish on May 6, 2002. Great Northern appeared in support of its application. Kalispell Taxi, Kalispell, and Classy Cabs, Columbia Falls, existing motor carriers with authority competing in whole or in part with the authority requested by Great Northern, appeared in opposition to Great Northern's application. Public witnesses also appeared and testified.

At or near the close of hearing the parties (*i.e.*, Great Northern, Kalispell Taxi, and Classy Cabs) reached an agreement and stipulated to a grant of authority essentially limited to Whitefish and a radius of eight miles excluding service east of a north-south line intersecting the junction of state highway 40, federal highway 2, and Half Moon Road.

The PSC approves the stipulation and grants authority to Great Northern as follows:

Class B -- Passengers between all points and places within Whitefish, Montana, and an eight (8) mile radius thereof. Limitations: 1) Transport-

ation is limited to vehicles with a rated seating capacity of seven passengers or less. 2) Transportation in limousine service is prohibited. 3) Service east of a north-south line intersecting the junction of state highway 40, federal highway 2, and Half Moon Road is prohibited.

Done and dated this 14th day of May, 2002, by a vote of 5-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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GARY FELAND, Chairman

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JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons  
Commission Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.